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SUBJECT: UN 1267 (AL-QAIDA/TALIBAN) SANCTIONS: ENGAGING WITH KUWAITI OFFICIALS ABOUT 1267-LISTED MOHAMMED TUFAIL

 $\P 1$. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraphs 6-8.

BACKGROUND

- 12. (SBU) In December 2001, the U.S. proposed that an individual named Mohammed Tufail be designated by the 1267 Sanctions Committee, and he was subsequently added to the Committee,s Consolidated List. According to the U.S. press release announcing the designation under Executive Order 13224, Muhammad Tufail was a key director and industrialist for Umma Tameer-e-Nau (UTN), a non-governmental organization founded by Pakistani nuclear scientists. UTN reportedly provided information to Usama bin Laden and the Taliban about chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons. On the same day Tufail was designated domestically, UTN and two other key UTN directors, Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood and Abdul Majeed, were also designated under Executive Order 13224. The U.S. did not provide detailed identifying information for Tufail,s listing at the UN, and the entry on the Consolidated List about him remains:
- "QI.T.56.01. Name: 1: MOHAMMED 2: TUFAIL 3: na 4: na Title: na Designation: na DOB: na POB: na Good quality a.k.a. a) Tufail, S.M. b) Tuffail, Sheik Mohammed Low quality: a.k.a. na Nationality: Pakistani Passport no.: na National identification no.: na Address: na Listed on: 24 Dec. 2001 Other information: na"
- 12. (SBU) In January of 2005, the Kuwaiti Permanent Representative to the UN submitted a request to the 1267 Sanctions Committee to verify whether the Mohammed Tufail on the Consolidated List was a man named Mr. Mohammed Tufail Allah Ditta. The U.S. subsequently consented to have its name disclosed to Kuwait as the state that proposed designating Tufail. The Kuwaiti and U.S. governments consulted with each other, but the U.S. could not confirm that Mr. Mohammed Tufail Allah Ditta was the Mohammed Tufail on the list.
- 13. (SBU) In July of 2008, Kuwait informed the 1267 Committee that it had frozen the assets of two individuals: 1) Mohammed Tufail Allah Ditta, and 2) Mohammed Tufail Jalal al-Din. Accordingly, Kuwait requested clarification as to whether either of these individuals was the Mohammed Tufail on the Consolidated List. The U.S. responded that it could not confirm the identity of either person, but it did inform Kuwait that it believed the Mohammed Tufail on the list has a birthdate of 5 May 1930.
- 14. (SBU) In response to the July 2008 request from the GOK, the Chairman of the 1267 Sanctions Committee September of 2008 requested that the GOK provide any additional information it had available on Tufail. In April 2009, the GOK provided the following information to try to help verify the identity of the Mohammed Tufail residing in Kuwait.

However, the GOK only provided information on Mohammed Tufail Jalal al-Din, and not on Mohammed Tufail Allah Ditta. It is not clear if the GOK ruled out the latter as a possible match for the 1267-listed Tufail. The identifiers the GOK provided for Mohammed Tufail Jalal al-Din are as follows:

Full Name: Mohammed Tufail Jalal Din

Nationality: Pakistani Sex:

Male

Date of Birth: 17 May 1938 238051700509 Civil I.D. Number:

15. (SBU) We recognize that the full name and birth date provided by the Kuwaitis on Mohammed Tufail Jalal Din differ from the identifying information for the listed Mohammed Tufail; however, we are still unable to make a definitive determination to provide to the GOK as to whether this individual was the same one whose designation we had proposed.

ACTION REQUEST

16. (SBU) Embassy Kuwait is requested to follow up with Kuwaiti officials to compare the information each government has on Tufail in order to determine if the Kuwaitis have in fact identified the 1267-listed Tufail and should therefore ensure UN 1267 sanctions are being implemented, including freezing of any assets identified as linked to Tufail. We suggest that Embassy Kuwait pose the following questions to the Kuwaitis in an attempt to determine whether the Kuwaitis have identified the 1267-listed Tufail:

- Has Mohammed Tufail Jalal Din had any association with Pakistan-based Umma Tameer-e-Nau?
- Has Mohammed Tufail Jalal Din had any association with Bashir-ud-Din Mahmood, a key director and founder of Umma Tameer-e-Nau?
- Has Mohammed Tufail Jalal Din had any association with Abdul Majeed, a key director of Umma Tameer-e-Nau? - Does Mohammed Tufail Jalal Din have any association with other NGOs or businesses with known links to Al-Qaida or the Taliban?
- 17. (SBU) Embassy Kuwait may also take this opportunity to thank the Kuwaitis for their steadfast efforts to secure confirmation on Tufail's identity and underscore our desire to engage more regularly with them on this and other UN 1267 related matters.
- 18. (U) Embassy officials may further wish to remind the Kuwaitis that the UN 1267 Committee is engaged in a comprehensive review of the entries on the 1267 Consolidated List, and we would welcome any information the GOK may have available on any 1267-listed individuals that the GOK would be willing to share with us or the 1267 Committee.

______ REPORTING DEADLINE AND POINT OF CONTACT

19. (U) Embassy is requested to report results of its engagement with GOK regarding Tufail by July 20, 2009. Any questions may be directed to IO/PSC (Erin Crowe, 202-736-7847). CLINTON